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CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT

With this issue the *Indiana Magazine of History* passes into new hands. To Mr. George S. Cottman, the founder of the magazine, all persons interested in the study of our State's history are under a debt of gratitude, for the self-sacrificing devotion with which, for more than eight years, he almost single-handed carried on this enterprise. That it at last proved too heavy a burden for one of his restricted means, occupied as he is by his own business affairs, should occasion no surprise. Professor C. B. Coleman, of Butler College, has been an efficient helper in the life of this magazine, and was for a while its managing editor. Henceforth the magazine will be published by the History Department of Indiana University, in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library, the two institutions which have in recent years assisted Mr. Cottman and Mr. Coleman in the publication. It will be the aim of the new management to enlist the editorial assistance and participation of trained historical workers, throughout the State, who are interested in this field of labor. An indication of the wider cooperation which is expected is given in the list of editors printed on the cover of this issue. With the assistance of these and other coworkers, it is hoped to put the magazine in a class with the best State historical publications of the Middle West. The historical department of a State University is the natural center for such an enterprise; for there are to be found not only the scientifically trained investigators necessary to its continued success, but also, in its seminaries and advanced courses, are enthusiastic students whose energies can be directed into this field of research as a part of their university training. The History Department of Indiana University is particularly fitted for the task at the present moment, for an Indiana Historical Survey is now in progress in that institution, which aims to collect, study and publish the important historical documents of the State with a view to a worthy commemoration of the approaching centennial anniversary of Indiana's admission to the Union. Many interesting by-products of the survey can worthily find a place in the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

For the present the format of the magazine will remain much what it has been, though the number of pages in each issue will be in-

creased. After this issue it is expected that the number of pages will be considerably increased. When the present volume is completed, the size of the page may be increased to the usual size for magazines of this character.

The subscription price will remain for the present as hitherto, namely, \$1.00 per year. By recent action of the Indiana Historical Society, whereby the annual dues of the society were raised to \$2.00 per year, this magazine is to be sent without charge to the members of that society. To permit of the continuance of the low subscription price, it will be necessary that the number of subscribers be very considerably increased. A magazine of this character, appealing to a people so notably loyal to their State and to their State's history, ought to have a subscription list of at least one thousand. It is strongly urged that all persons interested in this enterprise use their influence to aid us in attaining this result. Perhaps it should be added that no person connected with the publication draws any salary or profit therefrom, and that, for the present, at least, the magazine will not be in a position to pay contributors for their articles. Subscriptions and correspondence should be sent to Dr. Logan Esarey, the managing editor.

The history of Indiana presents an interesting field for investigation. The most powerful of the early western Indians had their homes within the borders of the State, and some of the most desperate Indian wars were fought on Indiana soil. The development of the State from the pioneer stage to the present has, perhaps more than that of any other commonwealth, been typical of the development of the Middle West. The State government has wrestled with most of the problems—economic, political and social—which have confronted the growing communities of the West, and its dealing with these problems presents many points of permanent interest to the student of American history. Indiana's part in the Civil War was a notable one—in many ways unique among that of the States of the Union. The State has furnished to the country its full quota of soldiers and statesmen, poets and novelists, business men and educators. The sane and scientific study of the history of a single State such as ours, in its relations to the history of the whole country, is one of the best means of furthering the growing understanding of the development of the nation as a whole. Not mere local antiquarianism, then, but sound, broad-minded historical scholarship in its widest relations, is the goal which the magazine sets before itself under the new management.

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